

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, and 17 and AMEND claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 2,~~ An apparatus for setting an environment of a client in a client/server system, said apparatus comprising:
a unit recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed;
a unit that installs data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, wherein:
a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,
where one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected, the selected one kind of data is comprising data backed up in the environment just before the replacement,
the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client; and
said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 2, wherein~~ An apparatus for setting an environment of a client in a client/server system, said apparatus comprising:
a unit recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed;
a unit that installs data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the

replacement thereof, wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,
one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,
the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment at the time of
initially setting said client, and
the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client; and
an application program included in the data, which is backed up in the
environment at the time of initially setting said client, is updated to the latest version
thereof until the replacement of said hard disk.~~the selected one kind of data is data~~
~~backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client.~~

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; ~~and~~
installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client
before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response
to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof,
wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,
one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,
the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment just before the
replacement, and
the selected on kind of data is then installed in said client; and
said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable program recording medium for recording a program causing a computer to set the environment of a client in a client/server system, ~~said medium recording a program causing a computer to perform the steps of by:~~
recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; and
installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof, wherein:

a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data,

one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected,

the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client,

the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client,

an application program included in the data, which is backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client, is updated to the latest version thereof until the replacement of said hard disk.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 3, wherein said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 4, wherein said server has a unit keeping a log of processing performed on said client.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 3, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.

16. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 4, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.

17. (CANCELLED)

18. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 6, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.